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**ATTN:** Examiner Vishal A. PATEL, Art Unit: 3676

**Re:** U.S. Pat. App. Ser. No. 10/591,808

**From:** Robert J. Schneider, Reg. No. 27,383

**Attorney** 1717743  
**Docket. No.:**

**COMMENT:** **Attached:**  
Response to Office Action, App. Ser. No. 10/591,808

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Karl LERCHBAUM et al.	)	Group Art Unit:	3676
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

The following is filed in timely response to the Office Action mailed on March 12, 2008, wherein the Examiner:

1. Objected to the drawings under 37 CFR §1.83(a) on grounds that they do not show every feature of the invention described in the claims.
2. Rejected Claims 1-16 under Section 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.
3. Rejected Claims 1-3 under Section 102(b) as being anticipated by Takeda, Japanese Patent App. Pub. No. 58088267.

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4. Rejected Claims 4-5 and 7-9 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Takeda, Japanese Patent App. Pub. No. 58088267, in view of Peickii et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,086,782.

5. Rejected Claims 6, 10, 11, and 13-15 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Takeda, Japanese Patent App. Pub. No. 58088267.

6. Rejected Claims 12 and 16 under Section 103(a) as unpatentable over Takeda, Japanese Patent App. Pub. No. 58088267, and Peickii et al., U.S. Patent No. 3,086,782.

The following amendments and remarks are submitted in response.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.